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California Gasoline and Diesel Demand Fell in Third Quarter, Fuel Tax Data Says

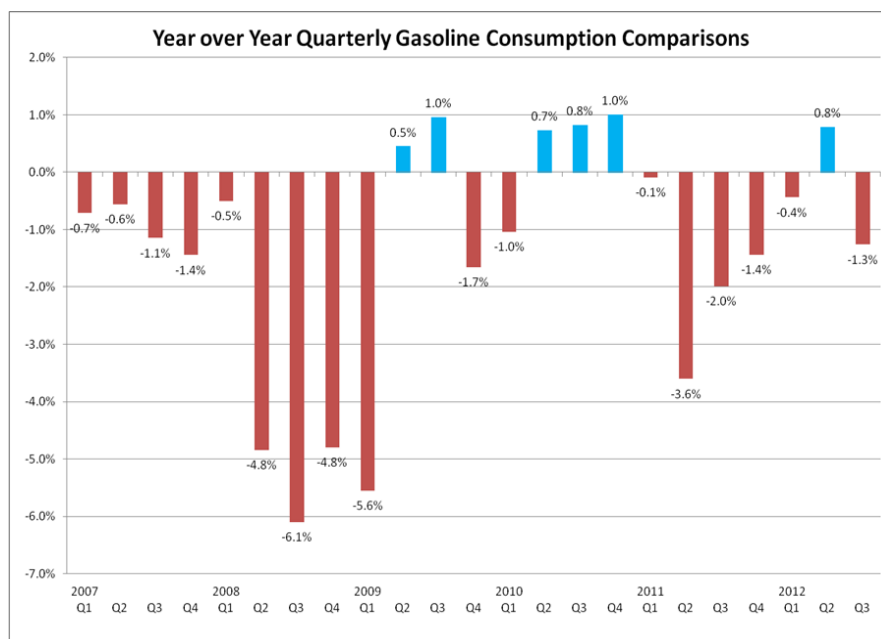
Sacramento – California's gasoline consumption declined 1.3 percent in the third quarter of 2012, according to fuel tax data released by Chairman Jerome E. Horton of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE). Diesel consumption declined 4.9 percent in the third quarter of 2012.

"Both gasoline and diesel consumption declined in the third quarter in California," said Chairman Horton. "Clearly, high fuel prices are precipitating the decline in consumption. In addition, Californians also seem to be changing their driving habits, including driving more fuel efficient vehicles."

BOE's fuel tax report shows Californians consumed **3.68 billion gallons of gasoline** in the third quarter of 2012, a 1.3 percent decline from the 3.73 billion gallons consumed during the third quarter of 2011.

In California, the average price of gasoline in the third quarter of 2012 was \$4.05 per gallon.

Nationally, the average price of gasoline in the third quarter was \$3.73, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA).



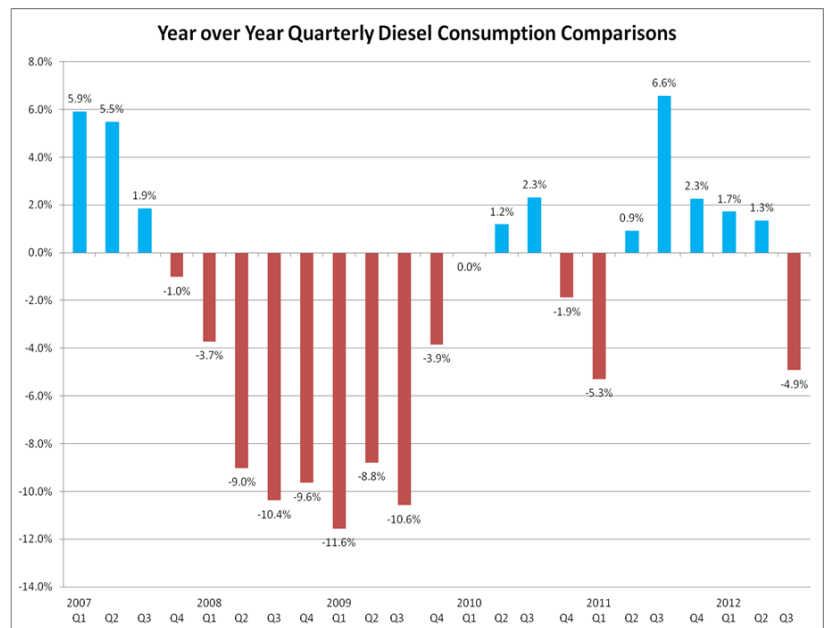
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California's diesel consumption declined 4.9 percent in the third quarter of 2012 to 678 million gallons, compared to 713 million gallons in the third quarter of 2011.

In California, the average price of diesel fuel in the third quarter of 2012 was \$4.20 per gallon.

Nationally, the average price of diesel fuel in the third quarter was \$3.94, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA).



For more information on California fuel statistics or reports based on fuel tax receipts paid by distributors in California, visit: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/spftrpts.htm

State Taxable Gasoline Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/MVF_10_Year_Report.pdf

State Taxable Diesel Gallons Report: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/Diesel_10_Year_Report.pdf

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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